

that he believes that while "Beijing clearly prefers negotiation to combat," there is a new sense of urgency in Beijing to end Taiwan's quest for "independent international status."

Mr. Freeman said that President's Lee's behavior "in the weeks following his re-election will determine" whether Beijing's Communist Party leaders feel they must act "by direct military means" to change his behavior.

In recent months, Mr. Freeman said he has relayed a number of warnings to United States Government officials. "I have quoted senior Chinese who told me" that China "would sacrifice 'millions of men' and 'entire cities' to assure the unity of China and who opined that the United States would not make comparable sacrifices."

He also asserted that "some in Beijing may be prepared to engage in nuclear blackmail against the U.S. to insure that Americans do not obstruct" efforts by the People's Liberation Army "to defend the principles of Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan and Chinese national unity."

Some specialists at the meeting wondered if Mr. Freeman's presentation was too alarmist and suggested that parliamentary elections on Taiwan in December had resulted in losses for the ruling Nationalist Party and that President Lee appeared to be moderating his behavior to avoid a crisis.

"I am not alarmist at this point," said one specialist, who would not comment on the substance of the White House meeting. "I don't think the evidence is developing in that direction."

Other participants in the White House meeting, who said they would not violate the confidentiality pledge of the private session, separately expressed their concern that a potential military crisis is building in the Taiwan Strait.

"I think there is evidence to suggest that the Chinese are creating at least the option to apply military pressure to Taiwan if they feel that Taiwan is effectively moving out of China's orbit politically," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a China scholar at the University of Michigan and an informal adviser to the Administration.

Mr. Lieberthal, who also has traveled to China in recent months, said Beijing has re-deployed forces from other parts of the country to the coastal areas facing Taiwan and set up new command structures "for various kinds of military action against Taiwan."

"They have done all this in a fashion they know Taiwan can monitor," he said, "so as to become credible on the use of force."

"I believe there has been no decision to use military force" he continued, "and they recognize that it would be a policy failure for them to have to resort to force; but they have set up the option, they have communicated that in the most credible fashion and, I believe, the danger is that they would exercise it in certain circumstances."

Several experts cited their concern that actions by Congress in the aftermath of President Lee's expected election could be a critical factor contributing to a military confrontation. If President Lee perceives that he has a strong base of support in the United States Congress and presses forward with his campaign to raise Taiwan's status, the risk of a military crisis is greater, they said. A chief concern is that Congress would seek to invite the Taiwan leader back to the United States as a gesture of American support. A Chinese military leader warned in November that such a step could have "explosive" results.

In recent months, American statements on whether United States forces would come to the defense of Taiwan if it came under attack have been deliberately vague so as to

deter Beijing through a posture of what the Pentagon calls "strategic ambiguity."

Some members of Congress assert that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 includes an implicit pledge to defend Taiwan if attacked, but Administration officials say that, in the end, the decision would depend on the timing, pretext and nature of Chinese aggression.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the Federal Government is, as the saying goes, living on borrowed time, not to mention borrowed money—nearly \$5 trillion of it. As of the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, January 23, the Federal debt stood at \$4,987,963,203,048.04. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,932.74 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

MARY BRENNAN'S PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I rise to share with my colleagues the wonderful example of Mary P. Brennan, an extraordinary woman who combined the best qualities of politics and public service.

Mary Brennan, who retired last month as marketing director for Green State Airport after an extraordinary career in politics and public service, lost her battle with breast cancer earlier this month.

In a time when politicians and public servants are the targets of unusually harsh criticism, Mary was a sterling example of how some people were created to ennoble both politics and public service.

If you knew Mary, you felt special. It did not matter if your station were high or low, you received the warmth of her charm, the depth of her compassion and the inspiration of her "can do" spirit.

When she retired after 11 years as marketing director at Green State Airport, it was noted that often she would take 30 minutes to make her way across the airport terminal because she would bump into so many people she knew.

All who knew her, whether in her earlier job as executive aide to former Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy or her most recent job as marketing director, knew that she would put in 150 percent effort.

When asked why she worked so hard for so many people, Mary replied: "If you care about people, you want to service them to the utmost. You start something right, you finish it right."

She was loyal to public service and she valued loyalty above all other virtues. "When you make a commitment to someone," she said, "you keep it."

Mr. President, we will miss Mary tremendously in Rhode Island. I will think of her when I fly into Rhode Island. It also is easy to hark back to an earlier decade and picture her hard at work in the Rhode Island State House.

Governor Garrahy delivered a heartfelt eulogy that I would like to share with my colleagues. I ask unanimous consent that his remarks and obituaries from the Providence, RI, Journal and the Woonsocket, RI, Call be printed in the RECORD as if read.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS BY FORMER RHODE ISLAND GOV. J. JOSEPH GARRAHY

Mary Brennan—say her name and you are guaranteed to smile. That's because her warmth, her care, her enthusiastic approach to life was contagious. She touched us all.

I can think of no higher honor than to have been asked to speak about my friend, our friend, Mary. My single regret is that I have to do this so soon, so early.

Like all of you, I have a special place in my heart reserved for Mary. She caught my attention 30 years ago and will forever hold it.

To know Mary was to know all the Brennans and the Partingtons, because special above everyone was her family. She came from such solid stock—Bumpsie and Mumsie. At the wonderful age of 91, it was Mumsie who cared for the daughter who loved her so. And boy if there were ever two peas in a pod, it was Mary and Mumsy. We admire your strength Mumsy and your faith. A faith that Mary carried with her throughout her life.

And Mary had a special sisterly bond with her brothers Bill and John. She would defend and care for them and they for her.

Her pride and joy were her two sons—Brian and Sean. She used to say how much like John, Brian was. And boy was she beaming last April at his and Sally's wedding. Sean was with her every step of the way—she was so proud of his work in Alaska and Hawaii and encouraged him to follow his dream. Typical Mary—always selfless.

They were blessed to have her. And, we were all blessed because Mary made us part of her extended family. She adopted each of us and we were better for it. A special thanks to Little Lynne who adopted Mary and was a great comfort in her final days.

All of us could easily be overwhelmed by grief of our great loss. Or we can proceed as Mary would have us—remembering our special times together and understanding what a special woman she was.

Mary has affected more lives than any newspaper report can ever catalogue. Each of us carries memories and stories of how Mary affected us. Every one of my days as Governor could be footnoted with a Mary Brennan story. Whether it was the difficult days of the oil crisis or celebrating RI's true ethnic diversity at one heritage celebration or another, or planning a President's visit, welcoming the most needy citizen in the State Room or working hour after hour during the Blizzard to get food and heat to the stranded, Mary was always there. She could even convince a group of angry voters that I was good, even if I wasn't right!

And I am convinced that were it not for Mary's wise counsel to Lynne Ryan—she and Michael would not be raising a family today. I can hear her words of advice, "Lynne, be patient. He's Irish!"

Service to others was Mary's hallmark. An honorable devoted, and selfless public servant. From her early days running her own travel agency to the Heritage years and nearly a decade in the Governor's Office to her airport, travel and tourism time, Mary continuously served others. She would say "if you care about people, you want to service them to the utmost." We all have a story of how Mary extended herself to each of us.

It didn't matter who you were, if you needed help, she was there. Her generosity knew no bounds.

All of us here today are a testimony to her life. Mary was as at ease with Governors, Bishops and Generals as she was with the regular folk. Individually, each of us represents a part of her life.

Well Mary, you have made our lives richer—serving as a teacher of how to treat people and have a passion for life. You made the world better because you have passed through it.

Although most didn't have a chance to say goodbye, every time you left Mary, your heart was a little warmer because you left with a piece of her heart.

As we help Mary to her rest today—close your eyes and think of how good Mary always made you feel about yourself.

Think of how Mary made you feel as if no one else in the world mattered but you.

Think of how Mary helped to make us work harder and be better than we ever thought we could be.

Close your eyes and think of how many times Mary got you to do the right thing—even when you didn't want to do it—and then made you believe it was your idea all along.

How fortunate are we, each one of us, to have been a part of Mary Brennan's life. We always felt safe with Mary. We knew that if anything went wrong Mary was there to fix it—to insure that things worked smoothly.

Now we are on our own. Sadness fills us today. But we are better because of Mary. We have smiled more because of Mary. And we will carry forward because that's what Mary would want.

And we can be happy for Mary that she is reunited with her Johnny. John Brennan who Mary so cherished.

Mike Ryan and I visited with Mary last Friday and she recalled the last book that John was working on before he passed away. She said she had to finish it to make the collection complete. Some of you may know that during my years as Governor, John Brennan painstakingly cut and catalogued a newspaper history of my terms of office.

Well John's been hard at work; cutting and cataloguing Mary's good deeds, her kindness, her courage and her love for her family. And John will make certain that St. Peter reads every single volume.

We love you Mary and we thank God for giving you to us.

[From the Providence Journal, Jan. 12, 1996]

MARY P. BRENNAN, FORMER DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT MARKETING, DIES AT 62

CUMBERLAND.—Mary P. Brennan, 62, who retired last month as marketing director for Green State Airport, died yesterday in Rhode Island Hospital.

Mrs. Brennan, who lived at 2 Hewes St., had been suffering from breast cancer.

She was the wife of the late John P. Brennan and the daughter of Mae Partington of Cumberland and the late Willard Partington.

Eugene Tansey, director of the state Airport Corporation, recalled on the occasion of Mrs. Brennan's retirement that it often would take her 30 minutes to make her way across the terminal because she would bump into so many people she knew.

"She knows everybody," Tansey remarked. "You can hear people yelling across the floor, 'Mary, Mary!'"

Linda Fischer worked with Mrs. Brennan when the two were executive aides to Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy. She recalled Mrs. Brennan as a stickler for detail.

"You'd always turn to her and you knew exactly what you asked would be done," Fischer said in an interview last month with M. Charles Bakst, Journal-Bulletin political

columnist. "There was never a time limit to the hours she would put in."

Mike Ryan, who served Garrahy as press secretary, said Mrs. Brennan always put in 150 percent of effort.

When asked why she worked so hard for so many years, she said, "If you care about people, you want to service them to the utmost." She said also that if "you start something right, you finish it right."

She said she valued loyalty above all other virtues. "When you make a commitment to someone, you keep it," she said.

Garrahy said her loyalty was to public service, and people came to depend upon her for that. "She was a public servant," the former governor said.

Mrs. Brennan was appointed to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, but her tenure there fell prey to politics in November when both Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. of Providence and Governor Almond sought her vote to break a tie in a struggle over whether Cianci or Almond would control the panel.

Mrs. Brennan was a state employee, but her brother, John J. Partington, was director of public safety for Cianci. She resolved the matter by resigning.

She also leaves another brother, Bill Partington, also of Cumberland, and two sons, Brian Brennan of Warwick and Sean Brennan of Cumberland.

The J.J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Rd., Cumberland, is handling funeral arrangements, which were incomplete last night.

[From the Woonsocket, RI, Call, Jan. 12, 1996]

MARY P. BRENNAN; LEADER IN STATE, CHARITY CONCERNS

CUMBERLAND.—Mrs. Mary P. (Partington) Brennan, 62, of 75 Hewes St., an executive in state positions for 25 years, died yesterday in Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of the late John P. Brennan.

Born Sept. 24, 1933, in Cumberland, a daughter of Mary C. (Hogan) Partington of Cumberland and the late Willard F. Partington, she was a lifelong town resident. She graduated from St. Xavier's Academy, Providence, in 1951 and the Ward Finishing School, Worcester, in 1954.

Mrs. Brennan was the marketing director for 11 years for the Rhode Island Airport Corp. at T.F. Green State Airport, Warwick, retiring last month.

Before that she was a station manager for Mohawk-Allegheny (USAir)—the first woman to hold that position in the country—at Logan Airport, Boston, from 1954 to 1960; owner of the Tradewinds Travel Agency, Providence, from 1960 to 1963; state coordinator of the Bicentennial celebration from 1971 to 1976; and an executive aide to Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy until 1984.

Mrs. Brennan recently was chairwoman of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Committee of the White House Conference on Travel/Tourism. She had served as chairwoman of the Governor's Advisory Council on Tourism, Discover New England and the Foundation for the Promotion of State Cultural Heritage; vice chairwoman of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission; vice president of New England USA Travel and Tourism; and a member of several other tourism organizations and commissions. She received the Governor's Award on Tourism in 1987.

She also contributed her time and experience to the Rhode Island 350th Celebration, Tall Ships Task Force, America's Cup Task Force, National and New England Governors conferences, Rhode Island Historical Society, Save the Bay and the January 1995 Inaugural Committee. She was president of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Active in health and charity concerns, Mrs. Brennan led the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal for the state in 1988 and held memberships in numerous groups, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Leukemia Society, Rhode Island Cancer Coalition, Rhode Island Lung Association and Rhode Island Blood Center.

She was a member of the parish council at St. Patrick Church and past president of its Women's Club. She was a member of the Cumberland Crime Stoppers, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island fundraising program.

Mrs. Brennan's wide-ranging efforts were recognized with many awards. In 1983 she received the Cumberland Business Association's Person of the Year award, the Italian Historical Society's Citizen award and the City of Newport's Civitas award.

The Papal Medal of the Cross was conferred on her in 1989, and the YWCA of Rhode Island deemed her its Outstanding Woman of 1995. She also has been cited by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Leukemia Society, American Association of Retired Persons and the National Federation of the Blind.

She also is survived by two sons, Brian Brennan of Warwick and Sean Brennan of Cumberland; and two brothers, Providence Commissioner of Public Safety and former Cumberland Police Chief John J. Partington and Willard F. "Bill" Partington, both of Cumberland.

A Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Cathedral Square, Providence. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the J.J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road.

ORPHANAGES IN CHINA

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, our attention should be drawn to a horrifying report issued this month by the respected human rights organization, Human Rights Watch/Asia, titled "Death by Default: A Policy of Fatal Neglect in China's State Orphanages." The allegations raised in "Death by Default" are more than a little disturbing; they are shocking. Mr. President, I ask that the report's "Summary and Recommendations" be submitted for the RECORD.

The report paints a grim picture of the lives of China's youngest, least fortunate citizens. With well-documented details from one institution—the Shanghai Children's Welfare Institute—and publicly available statistics for orphanages nationwide provided by China's Ministry of Civil Affairs, the report indicates that orphans in most of China's state-run institutions are living in horrible conditions with little hope for survival. Statistics provided by the Ministry allow Human Rights Watch to conservatively estimate a national death rate in China's orphanages of 25 percent. Critics of the report charge that terrible conditions and high death rates are to be expected in a developing country because of a lack of adequate funding, but "Death by Default" again uses official documents to show otherwise. The report shows, for example, that from 1989 to 1992 employees' salaries at state-run orphanages nationally increased at close to twice the rate of expenditures for the children. The question does not seem to be